

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS, HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: August 9, 1999 3:00 p.m. Summer continues with temperatures above normal and rainfall almost non-existent throughout the state. Most areas of the state had zero rainfall for the entire week. For the counties reporting rain it occurred late in the week with the higher totals on Sunday. Most crops were reported in good condition but in need of rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 35 percent very short, 53 percent short, 12 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing hay harvest and planning for fall pastures, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and warm season forage, scouting for sheath blight in rice and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for boll weevils and bollworms were reported. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state. Melons were also being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in good condition, but the hot and humid weather was causing deaths in poultry and livestock. Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

CROP Stage	Progress %			Condition % ¹				
	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				1	11	41	39	8
Headed	95	90	88					
Turning Color	42	35	36					
COTTON				0	5	29	48	18
Setting Bolls	99	98	98					
Bolls Opening	1	2	1					
RICE				0	3	24	52	21
Headed	69	67	65					
Harvested	0	0	0					
SOYBEANS				3	12	35	38	12
Blooming	80	79	70					
Setting Pods	45	39	36					
CORN				0	2	26	51	21
ALFALFA				0	7	38	42	13
OTH. HAY				4	18	46	30	2
PASTURE				4	23	41	31	1

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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